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The Honorable Ernest Y. Martin, Chair And Councilmembers Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street, Room 202 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Martin and Councilmembers:

Re: Mayor's Message No: MM-160

I am writing to support the confirmation of Rebecca Copeland for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Copeland and I were colleagues in the Attorney General's office before her departure to private practice. Ms. Copeland has a keen intellect and as particular expertise in appellate mattes. For example she's a regular blogger on appellate litigation and was instrumental in the formation of the Appellate Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association. Both her legal research and legal writing skills are superior.

I believe that if confirmed, Ms. Copeland will serve the people of the City and County of Honolulu very well.

Very truly yours

Hugh R. Jones